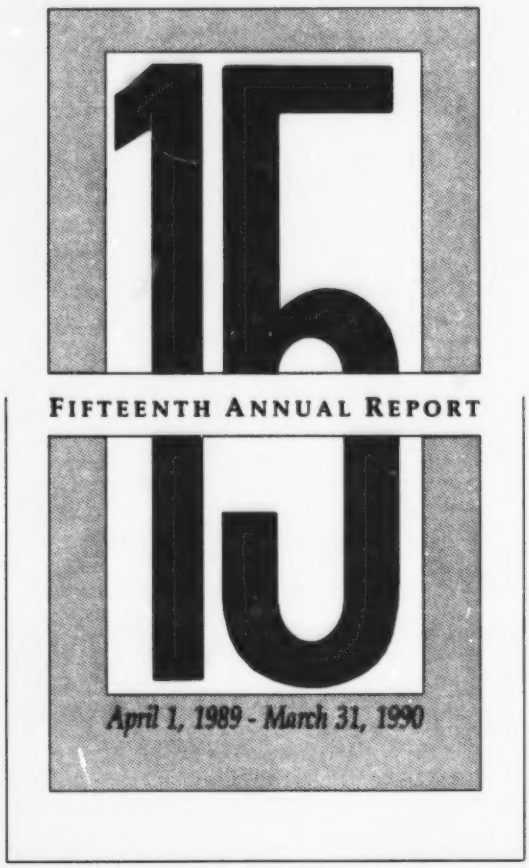

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March 31, 1991

The Honourable Dr. David Carter
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Dear Sir:

It is my honour to submit the 15th Annual Report of Alberta Recreation and Parks for the period April 1, 1989 to March 31, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Stephen C. West
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Respectfully submitted,

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Alberta Recreation and Parks was established in 1979. It was previously entitled the Department of Recreation, Parks and Wildlife.

The primary purpose of the department is to enhance the individual and social well-being of Albertans and the economy of Alberta. Alberta Recreation and Parks provides and encourages the provision of recreation and sport opportunities, and participates in a provincial system for the protection and appreciation of the natural and cultural resources of the province.

The department develops, operates, maintains and manages provincial parks, ecological reserves, wilderness areas and provincial recreation areas; provides grants to municipalities and community-based organizations to develop and operate recreation, parks and sport facilities; and provides grants to provincial sport and recreation associations for athlete development and participation programs.

The department also consults with and provides administrative support services to municipalities, community-based organizations and sport and recreation associations; and organizes and/or provides funding support to host athletic games and events.

Recreation and Parks is divided into three divisions: the Recreation Development Division, the Provincial Parks Service, and the Corporate Services Division.

Kananaskis Country and two Crown Corporations, the Alberta Sport Council established in 1984 and the Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation established in 1976, also fall under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Alberta Recreation and Parks.

COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

INTRODUCTION

A major role of the Communications Branch is to explain to Albertans how the department's programs, services and policies promote, develop and maintain recreational facilities and opportunities for everyone in the province.

To meet this objective, the branch provides professional public relations advice, assistance and support to department management and staff.

The branch is staffed by communication and public relations specialists. Creative development, print, audio-visual, and specialty items are coordinated through the Public Affairs Bureau, ensuring that all communication materials meet Alberta Government standards.

OVERVIEW

During 1989-90, the Communications Branch was responsible for media relations at the 1989 Canada Summer Games in Saskatoon and the 1990 Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife; assisted with the production of the Alberta Come Alive television campaign "What Now?"; and, in conjunction with the Province of Saskatchewan, developed information and media campaigns on the designation of Cypress Hills as the first Alberta-Saskatchewan Interprovincial Park.

Branch priorities included an identity program for the Recreation Development Division; a media relations policy and procedures manual; and the summer display program designed to promote department services and programs to the public.

The branch also provided expertise and support on the Energize Workshop, the Intersport XII Conference, and Canada Fitweek. The branch worked with the Ministry's two Crown Corporations, the Alberta Sport Council and the Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, on special event execution, writing assignments and promotional information.

During 1989-90, the branch drafted news releases and speeches, placed advertising and coordinated more than 500 print and graphic design projects.

KANANASKIS COUNTRY

INTRODUCTION

Kananaskis Country is a 1,620 square mile (4,000 square kilometre) area of Crown land in the Bow-Crow Forest Reserve in the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains. Kananaskis Country includes three provincial parks and 82 provincial recreation areas inside its boundaries, and nine satellite areas (three campgrounds and six picnic areas or trailheads) outside.

Kananaskis Country administration is also responsible for Improvement District No. 5, the local municipal authority. Capital development and operation of both entities is the responsibility of the managing director who reports to the Minister of Recreation and Parks and also to Municipal Affairs for certain improvement district matters.

OVERVIEW

There are four principal Kananaskis Country responsibility areas, each managed by a director.

PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Planning and Construction plans, organizes and controls construction activities related to the management of capital development projects. As well, it is responsible for major maintenance and redevelopment of a wide variety of facilities. It also inspects non-government projects in Kananaskis Country and Improvement District No. 5; develops a variety of plans and designs for recreation activities and facilities; coordinates land-related referrals; and provides building inspection services to Improvement District No. 5.

OPERATIONS

Operations is responsible for all outdoor recreation programs presented through Kananaskis Country including general operations, park ranger service, interpretive services, resource management, public safety and maintenance.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Finance and Administration is responsible for budgets, expenditures, revenue collections, personnel coordination and financial systems. It is also responsible for certain contract administration, the financial audit of leased operations within Kananaskis Country, and the review and updating of policies and procedures.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Communications and Public Affairs, assigned to Kananaskis Country by the Public Affairs Bureau, develops public relations, advertising and marketing programs, and disseminates information through information outlets and Visitor Information Centres.

HIGHLIGHTS

Kananaskis Country played host to millions of visitors in fiscal year 1989-90. During the year, Kananaskis Country's recorded camper nights totalled 418,531. Attendance at interpretive events at nine campgrounds was 84,226 and direct public contacts by interpreters totalled 23,241. There were 138,568 information contacts at six information centres, plus 13,045 information contacts at

campground check-in stations. Park ranger non-enforcement contacts totalled 119,000. Environmental Education had 3,800 contacts, primarily teachers and community leaders.

Maintenance and service was required for 2,946 campsites in 30 auto-accessible campgrounds, 13 group camps, 15 backcountry (tenting only, hike-in) campgrounds, 1,131 day-use sites and 796 miles of trails.

William Watson Lodge, Kananaskis Country's facility for overnight accommodation for the disabled, continued to operate at peak capacity with 24,795 overnight guests and a monthly waiting list of up to 400 parties.

Special events throughout the year in Kananaskis Country included dog sled races, white water kayak competitions, orienteering events, trail ride competitions, motorcycle races, mountain bike races, the Kananaskis K100 Road Relay race, cross-country ski races and biathlon events.

New Facilities

Work continued on a picnic area with a fish pond and hiking/bicycle/cross-country ski trails connected with the Ribbon Creek trail system north of Kananaskis Village.

Dawson trailhead was converted to an equestrian campground with 10 campsites plus random tent sites and equestrian facilities. New horse corrals were put in place at Mesa Butte equestrian campground.

A 1.5 mile trail and a viewpoint were put in at Rawson Lake; Marl Lake Interpretive Trail was converted to barrier free in a pilot project to make some trails more accessible to disabled persons; and a canoe/kayak launch was constructed on the Elbow River.

RECREATION DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

INTRODUCTION

The Recreation Development Division promotes recreation and sport development in Alberta. It provides financial assistance, information and consulting services to municipal recreation authorities, sport and recreation associations and other voluntary organizations in the province.

The division provides grants to municipal recreation authorities for facility capital development and operations, and general recreation programming. Grants are also provided to provincial associations for program and organizational development.

From a decentralized, field-operational base, the division provides a broad range of advisory services to municipalities and associations. Information is provided on leadership development, fitness, leisure lifestyle development, facility operations, program planning, association development and on recreation trends and practices.

OVERVIEW

During 1989-90, the division opened three new field offices and increased its regional staff. It continued to deliver the Community Recreation/Cultural Grant Program providing $10 per capita to assist volunteer community groups and municipalities to provide recreational and cultural services.

Approximately $24.7 million was distributed through this program. Other grant programs contributed an additional $15.5 million to recreation and sport in Alberta.

The division supported Alberta's participation in the 1989 Canada Summer Games in Saskatoon and in the 1990 Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife. The division continued international sport exchange programs with Alberta's sister provinces of Hokkaido, Japan and Kangwon, Korea; and signed a new exchange agreement with the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic.

The division continued to offer financial and planning support to the Urban Parks and Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas programs.

COMMUNITY RECREATION AND SPORT BRANCH

The Community Recreation and Sport Branch continued to encourage and support recreation and sport services at the community level. The branch undertook a major decentralization in order to enhance its ability to assist municipalities in maintaining and improving community-based recreation and parks systems.

The Community Recreation and Sport Branch delivered its services through three sections: Recreation Field Services, Field Technical Support and Community Program Services.

The branch continued to manage the government's major recreation grant program, the Community Recreation/Cultural Grant Program. This program provided over $24.7 million to municipalities and community organizations for facility development, management and operation; for the development and operation of recreation programs and services; and for recreation planning. The branch conducted workshops and seminars and provided on-site assistance to municipalities and community organizations regarding the program.

The branch managed three grant programs to support outdoor recreation and sport facilities: Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas Program, Urban Parks Program, and Capital City Recreation Park Program.

The Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas Program provided over $3.33 million in capital funding through

the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to 60 regional and local parks throughout the province. The department also provided over $2.37 million in operating funds to assist with operational costs at 152 regional and local parks in the province through this program.

The Urban Parks Program provided $900,000 in capital from the Heritage Fund to the communities of St. Albert, Fort McMurray, Sherwood Park, Leduc, Camrose, Fort Saskatchewan, Spruce Grove, Airdrie and Wetaskiwin. Under the same program, over $3.3 million in operating funds was provided to the communities of Grande Prairie, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Lloydminster and Red Deer.

The Capital City Recreation Park Program provided nearly $2.2 million in operating funds to the City of Edmonton to assist with the operations of this river valley park.

By providing technical advice and resource materials, and sponsoring numerous workshops across the province, the branch supported recreation practitioners, recreation board members and municipal councillors in the delivery of community-level recreation and parks services to Albertans.

The types of consultation/information services provided include: board/council development; executive, staff and organization development; volunteer development; leadership development; program planning; recreation and parks administration; community recreation planning; bylaw review; regional recreation programs and cost sharing; and needs assessment studies. The Community Recreation Development Grant Program provided funding for recreation leadership development and special needs.

The branch now has facility and recreation specialists in 14 regional offices to provide services closer to its clients: the municipalities and community groups that provide recreation, sport and leisure programs to Albertans at the local level.

Provincial Recreation and Sport Branch

The Provincial Recreation and Sport Branch continued to support the development of recreation, sport and fitness programs and services at the provincial level.

The branch delivered its services through four sections: Provincial Association Services, Provincial Volunteer Support Centres, Provincial Program Services and Fitness and Leisure Services. The branch also worked closely with the ministry's two Crown Corporations, the Alberta Sport Council and the Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation.

The branch provided consulting services and $1,886,209 in operating grants to 107 recognized provincial recreation and sport associations for administrative support, leadership development, and program development. The Percy Page Centre was expanded and now provides residential administrative support services to 99 provincial sport and recreation associations.

The Blue Lake Leadership Development Centre, near Hinton, continued to provide courses focussing on the development of leadership and personal and organizational skills for recreation volunteers.

The branch supported sport exchanges between Alberta and its sister provinces of Hokkaido, Japan, and Kangwon, Korea; and initiated a new agreement with the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic. The branch provided team training and selection grants to 16 provincial sport associations involved in preparing for the 1989 Canada Summer Games in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and to eight provincial sport associations to prepare for the 1990 Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

The branch also continued to provide programs and services that help Albertans enhance their individual lifestyles through leisure and physical activities. Support was provided to a network of provincial and regional fitness and lifestyle centres located throughout the province. These centres provided direct services to approximately 60,000 Albertans.

The branch continued to be involved in promotional/participation events such as Canada Fitweek, National Family Week and National Senior's Safety Week. In addition, the branch assisted in organizing the Lieutenant Governor's Conference on Family and Alberta Family Day. Financial assistance was provided to Alberta organizations that hosted 46 national and international events. The branch also offered workshops that served volunteers and professionals in fitness, leadership, association management, coaching and general lifestyle development.

Planning Support Branch

The Planning Support Branch was responsible for operational planning, the design and implementation of ongoing divisional planning, data collection and applied systems programs. The branch advised the assistant deputy minister on

planning and systems in the division, and assisted other branches with program planning and evaluation, and applied systems matters.

The branch continued to produce the "Look at Leisure" information series, which is based on the triennial General Recreation Survey. In addition, custom analyses were prepared for other groups within the department and for external clients. These analyses were used for program planning and evaluation.

The branch prepared the annual operating plan for the division, as well as a major paper on sport strategy for the Ministry.

Administration Branch

The Division Administration Branch provided management support services in fiscal planning, budget development and division expenditure reporting. Other areas of support services involved coordination of ongoing division-wide records management, communications material and assets information reporting.

PROVINCIAL PARKS SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

The Provincial Parks Service coordinates the planning, development and operation of provincial parks, provincial recreation areas (excluding Kananaskis Country), ecological reserves and wilderness areas. The service provides support to the Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Park Ventures Fund which contributes to park enhancements and park program enrichment in Alberta.

The service studies outdoor recreation opportunities to meet public needs; examines and acquires prime recreation and conservation lands; and plans, designs, develops and operates facilities.

OVERVIEW

In 1989-90, the service focussed on decentralizing services to the public at the regional level, and upgrading and redeveloping existing provincial parks and provincial recreation areas. The regions prepared for the decentralization of capital and planning programs to be effective in 1990-91. The service initiated and implemented an overall program to provide barrier-free access for wheelchair and disabled visitors at selected provincial parks and provincial recreation areas.

Provincial parks and provincial recreation areas hosted one million two hundred and seventy-two individual camper nights (defined as one person camping for one night) in its 8,745 campsites and 49 group camping areas. An additional 4.89 million people visited these areas during the day.

As of March 31, 1990 conservation and recreation services were delivered in 58 provincial parks, 46 provincial recreation areas, 11 ecological reserves and three wilderness areas.

The service played a key role in developing an overall framework for an Interprovincial Parks Program. On August 25, 1989, Saskatchewan and Alberta signed a joint agreement designating Cypress Hills Provincial Park as the first interprovincial park.

The service also initiated a proposal for the establishment of a provincial park and provincial recreation area in the Lakeland area of northern Alberta.

Major construction programs took place at Aspen Beach, Miquelon Lake and Cypress Hills provincial parks.

In addition to the privatization of campgrounds at Crimson Lake, Wyndham Carseland and Carson-Pegasus Provincial Parks, in 1989-90 two more campgrounds were privatized at Aspen Beach and Jarvis Bay provincial parks. This now brings the total of privatized campgrounds to five.

The Volunteer Campground Host Program in provincial parks increased from 15 park programs in 1988-89 to 22 in 1989-90.

PARKS PLANNING BRANCH

The branch undertook long-range planning, assessed public needs and desires for outdoor recreation opportunities, developed procedures material, represented the department on interdepartmental public land-use planning matters, and managed the ecological reserves program.

In 1989-90, the branch continued its research into park-user needs and outdoor recreational activities. Program plans were prepared to direct the capital development program, with continued emphasis on upgrading and redeveloping existing sites.

With direction from the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, the branch initiated a program to provide barrier-free access for the disabled. Renovations and improvements in selected provincial parks and provincial recreation areas have subsequently been undertaken.

The branch helped define the overall framework of the Interprovincial Parks Program; planned for the new Lakeland Provincial Park and Provincial Recreation Area; and continued to work on the Ecological Reserves Program.

Project Management Branch

The branch coordinated the department's capital development program and provided specialized technical services (graphics, surveying requests) and sign services. Capital development included park reconstruction, park construction and redevelopment.

The branch developed and managed site concept planning and detailed design and construction contracts. It also assisted and supervised capital renovation, reconstruction and upgrading projects performed primarily by contracted firms.

Park reconstruction projects were undertaken in a number of provincial parks and provincial recreation areas in 1989-90. The major work was at Aspen Beach, Cypress Hills, Miquelon Lake, Thunder Lake, Kinbrook Island and Park Lake provincial parks. Reconstruction projects involve facility upgrading and replacement or repair of major existing facilities.

Park construction and redevelopment projects involved the completion of the Cypress Hills Ski Hill at Cypress Hills Provincial Park. Construction and redevelopment projects involve expansion to existing programs or facilities.

Divisional Support Branch

The branch provided financial and administrative support to the operations and programs of the Provincial Parks Service. It also provided consultation and assistance in tendering and contract activities as well as an expenditure monitoring information system.

The branch coordinated the division's records management program, fixed assets inventory and development of administrative policies and procedures.

The branch provided expertise and advice on financial and contract administration, word processing services, coordinated budget development, and coordinated commercial operating agreements. It also managed staff development activities.

Visitor Services Branch

Visitor Services Branch coordinated services to potential and actual visitors to Alberta's provincial parks and recreation areas. Services included information, interpretation, environmental education and coordination of volunteer activities. In addition, it provided research, operational support and consultation in the areas of security and resource management.

The branch issued dispositions for recreational and non-recreational land uses on lands administered by the department. It also administered disposition agreements and the collection of fees, and maintained a registry of dispositions.

The branch coordinated the acquisition of private and Crown land required by the department and the designation of such lands under the appropriate legislation.

The branch contributed to interagency committees on environmental education and finalized plans with Alberta Education for the junior high school environmental and outdoor education course. In addition, it initiated plans for Parks Day, a nation-wide celebration of provincial and national parks.

The branch consulted with and assisted the Fish and Wildlife Division in the preparation of the Alberta Wildlife Viewing Guide to enhance public knowledge of wildlife viewing opportunities on park land. The branch supported and assisted in the development of the Bird Atlas of Alberta.

The branch operated a revolving fund to recover costs for the production of selected publications and environmental education material. A business plan was implemented to produce environmental education materials on a cost recovery basis.

The Volunteer Campground Host Program continued to be expanded in 1989-90.

In 1989-90 the branch developed and implemented a new 25-year lease form in the administration of its cottage lot leases as part of its policy to provide greater stability to the cottage subdivisions. A public draw for the leases of five vacant lots in the Dillberry Lake Provincial Park cottage subdivision was held.

The branch continued to help coordinate the Federal-Provincial Parks Council's Park Officers Course held annually at Hinton.

Northern Region

Te Northern Region of the Provincial Parks Service, with its regional office located in Valleyview, administered 13 provincial parks, six provincial recreation areas and two ecological reserves. Partial decentralization of regional administration was accomplished by moving a district office to Slave Lake and appointing a district manager.

The private sector continued to provide grounds and janitorial services, solid and liquid waste disposal, fire hazard reduction and forest management programs in 1989-90.

Volunteers assisted in interpretive and recreation programs at Young's Point, Hilliard's Bay, Moonshine Lake, Lesser Slave Lake and Carson-Pegasus provincial parks. Closer liaison was established with local media and communities in the promotion, construction and operation of skating rinks, cross-country ski trails and special events.

A private campground operator continued to manage Carson-Pegasus Provincial Park campground, as well as constructing and operating a food concession. The Campground Host Program continued and was expanded from three to six provincial parks.

The branch constructed disabled-person accessible bird-viewing platforms and trails at Winagami Lake Provincial Park in cooperation with the Park Advisory Committee and a local business. Donated asphalt was also used in Dunvegan to provide disabled persons with access to a washroom.

Major maintenance projects included regravelling of roads, resanding of beaches and repainting of facilities in several provincial parks.

West Central Region

The West Central Region of the Provincial Parks Service, with its regional office located in Rimbey, administered 17 provincial parks, 10 provincial recreation areas, two ecological reserves and three wilderness areas.

The private sector continued its involvement in program delivery through additional contracts for campground/beach maintenance repairs, heavy equipment work, metal fabrication, janitorial services, painting and weed control.

In addition to established interpretive programs offered at Crimson Lake, Fish Creek, Wabamun Lake and William A. Switzer provincial parks, the campground operator at Jarvis Bay Provincial Park hired an event coordinator. Many local agencies were invited to conduct evening presentations for the campground audience. Locally-sponsored park newspapers were initiated in several parks in the region.

Use of volunteers continued with the Campground Host Program. At Pigeon Lake Provincial Park, volunteers conducted guided hikes for park visitors and local schools.

Resource management planning in wilderness areas continued. Consultants undertook critical habitat evaluation for woodland caribou, an endangered species. Forest management continued with emphasis on pest control and variable-age canopy.

There was an increase in the number of park sites used for community special events.

East Central Region

The East Central Region of the Provincial Parks Service, with its regional office located in Lac La Biche, administered 12 provincial parks, 21 provincial recreation areas and four ecological reserves.

District offices were established for Parkland, Lakeland and Cold Lake districts.

Capital construction was completed at Long Lake Provincial Park and is continuing at Gregoire Lake and Miquelon Lake provincial parks. The region initiated a proposal for the establishment of a provincial park and recreation area for the Lakeland area.

The region called for proposals to privatize the campground operation at Long Lake in 1990-91, and recommended that operations by a private operator commence in 1991-92.

The region signed a cattle grazing and land management agreement with the Blackfoot Grazing Association for lands within Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area.

Southern Region

The Southern Region of the Provincial Parks Service, with its regional office located in Vulcan, administered 16 provincial parks, nine provincial recreation areas and three ecological reserves.

The bus tour road at Dinosaur Provincial Park was upgraded and expanded to form a complete loop into the natural preserve area.

The region purchased land adjacent to Beauvais Lake Provincial Park. The additional 400 acres will allow for opportunities such as backcountry trails, walk-in camping and enhanced fishing in the area.

Capital upgrading at Park Lake Provincial Park was completed.

The region implemented the third phase of the Cypress Hills Provincial Park Forest Management Plan, meeting the objective of lodgepole pine conservation and fire management. Phase one of the Elkwater townsite sewage program commenced.

The region conducted an elk management hunt at Cypress Hills Provincial Park to control elk numbers in relation to the carrying capacity in the park.

An agreement was signed with Saskatchewan Parks in August, 1989 which provides for the establishment of Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Introduction

The Corporate Services Division supports department management in policy development, issues management, program planning and evaluation, human resource planning, financial planning and budgeting, and the development and maintenance of office and management information systems. It also provides general administrative support.

The division is also responsible for implementing various government-wide systems at the department level. This includes responsibility for the development and review of financial systems, disbursement, revenue and accounting; pay and benefits administration; position classification, recruitment and selection; and various aspects of employee relations, staff development and occupational health and safety.

Overview

During the 1989-90 fiscal year, the Corporate Services Division continued to implement department restraint initiatives. The division focussed on the creation of efficiencies through organizational realignment, and the re-definition and/or automation of department processes.

During 1989-90, services were provided through four functional/organizational groups: Corporate Planning Services, Information Services, Financial Services and Human Resource Services.

Corporate Planning Services Branch

The Corporate Planning Services Branch provided support in the development of department-level policy, strategic direction and priorities. The branch helped coordinate the development and maintenance of department legislation and regulations and various interdivisional and interdepartmental initiatives.

The branch coordinated the department financial planning process, documented and presented department budgets, and monitored expenditures against budget.

Aside from routine responsibilities, the branch assisted department management in a review of department policy organization and strategic directions. Other achievements included evaluation of the economic impact of different types of programs funded by the department.

Information Services Branch

The Information Services Branch provided support in the areas of electronic data processing and office automation. Services included strategic and operational planning; systems development, implementation, and maintenance; and user support.

In 1989-90, systems projects continued to focus on development of new microcomputer systems. As well, several existing mainframe computer systems were rewritten for microcomputers, and the Ministry's first local area network was established.

New systems were developed in several areas. Highlights included athlete information systems for the Canada Summer Games and the Arctic Winter Games, an equipment management system to track the cost of operating and maintaining park equipment, and the credit card liabilities incurred through the operation of Ministry vehicles.

The branch also began developing several new networked systems slated for implementation in 1990. A grants system will process the various grants administered by the Ministry. A course

administration system will assist the Blue Lake Centre with the programs it provides to the public. A reservation system will permit maximum use of the facilities at William Watson Lodge in Kananaskis Country.

Other highlights included the completion of a strategic EDP plan for Kananaskis Country; several cost-cutting initiatives such as the purchase of used hardware and the 40 per cent reduction of maintenance costs for EDP equipment; and the initiation of a Ministry-wide electronic messaging system.

Financial Services Branch

Financial Services were provided through two functional/organizational groups: Financial Services and Internal Audit.

The Financial Services Branch designed, implemented and monitored department financial systems and documented financial policies and procedures. The branch was also responsible for pre-audit, processing and accounting for disbursements; administration of contracts, revenue and securities; maintenance of trusts, assets and the revolving funds; and administration of pay and benefits.

As well as ongoing activities, the branch completed projects related to the implementation of an automated utility payments system and the development of automated systems including a security control system, a pre-numbered forms system, and an accountable advance control system.

The branch expanded point of sale terminals to include all possible park reservation offices; participated in the development of a government-wide commitment system; developed an improved asset control system; developed and distributed a department user manual; prepared a status report on records management in the department which will result in the development of a long-term records management plan; and undertook a major cleanup of records dating back a number of years.

The department internal auditor reported to the department audit committee. A total of 40 audits were completed.

Human Resource Services Branch

The Human Resource Services Branch was responsible for the implementation of government-wide programs related to classification, recruitment and selection, employee relations, employee performance appraisals, staff development and training, and occupational health and safety.

Aside from the provision of ongoing services in 1989-90, the branch assisted with the restructuring and decentralization of the Provincial Parks Service, and participated in the government-wide implementation of the administrative support classification series.

In staff development and training, employee relations and supervision programs were delivered to management and supervisory staff. The branch continued to emphasize career development for women, career development seminars and career counselling, and management and non-management training needs consultation.

In the area of occupational health and safety, the department was once again successful in its efforts to reduce the incidence of and costs associated with accidents and injuries.

APPENDICES

1990 ANNUAL REPORT

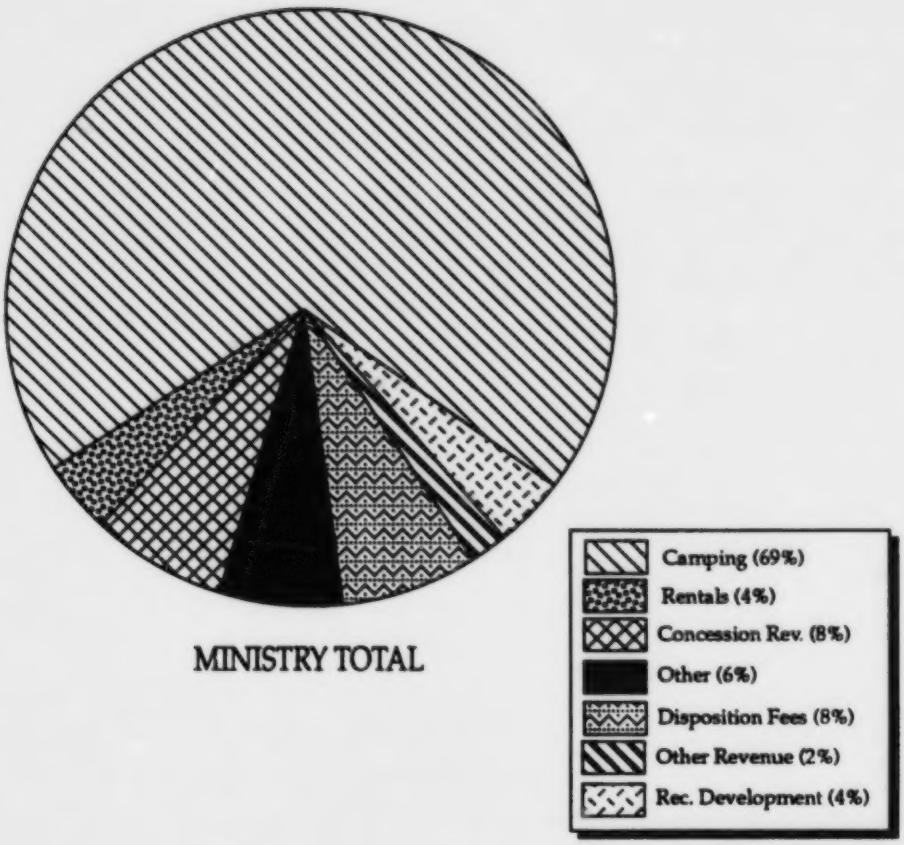
FEES, LICENSES AND PERMITS

Camping Fees		$2,548,469
Department of Recreation & Parks	$1,764,700	
Kananaskis Country	783,769	
Disposition Fees		294,500
Department of Recreation & Parks	255,403	
Kananaskis Country	39,097	
Special User Centre Fees		67,485
Department of Recreation & Parks	450	
Kananaskis Country	67,035	
Recreation Development Fees	145,003	145,003
Miscellaneous		22,355
Department of Recreation & Parks	20,146	
Kananaskis Country	2,209	

OTHER REVENUE

Concession Revenue		289,417
Department of Recreation & Parks	83,028	
Kananaskis Country	206,389	
Utilities		62,885
Department of Recreation & Parks	50,744	
Kananaskis Country	12,141	
Rentals (Housing & Accommodation)		131,518
Department of Recreation & Parks	130,539	
Kananaskis Country	979	
Other Miscellaneous		(9,621)
Department of Recreation & Parks	(10,200)	
Kananasis Country	579	
Previous Years Refunds of Expenditure		35,387
Department of Recreation & Parks	29,377	
Kananaskis Country	6,010	
Other		90,285
Department of Recreation & Parks	14,213	
Kananaskis Country	76,072	
Federal Sales Tax		32,401
Department of Recreation & Parks	32,401	
TOTAL	**$3,710,084**	**$3,710,084**

ALBERTA RECREATION AND PARKS
REVENUE SOURCES
1989-90



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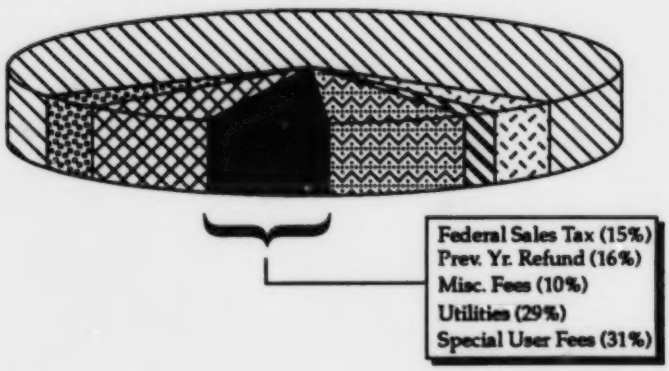
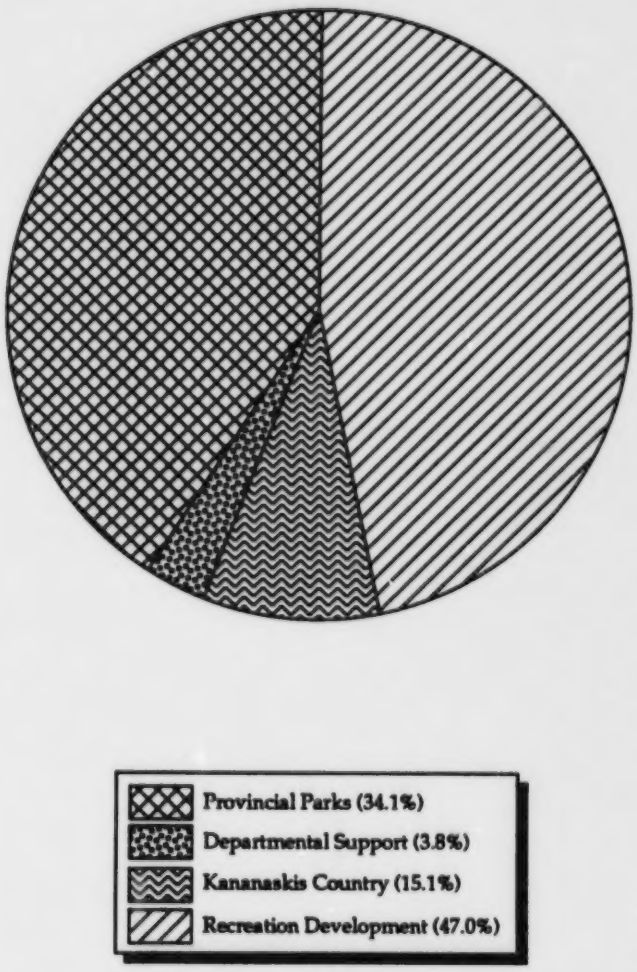


1989-90 GENERAL REVENUE FUND

SUMMARY OF SUB-PROGRAMMES TRANSACTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1990

		1989-90 Estimates	Special Warrant	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Total Funds Available	Total Expended	Surplus (Deficit)	% Surplus (Deficit)
Department Support									
Vote 1									
1.0.1	Minister's Office	208,398	-	13,500	0	221,898	214,525	7,373	3.3
1.0.2	Deputy Minister's Office	182,821	-	7,000	0	189,821	189,879	(58)	0.0
1.0.3	Planning Secretariat	584,259	-	0	53,725	530,534	471,511	59,023	11.1
1.0.4	Public Communications	159,320	-	0	0	159,320	136,129	23,191	14.6
1.0.5	Financial Services	1,233,944	-	500	0	1,224,444	1,236,374	(11,930)	-1.0
1.0.6	Personnel Services	470,956	-	5,775	0	476,731	436,316	40,415	8.5
1.0.7	Computing Services	507,038	-	83,049	0	590,087	559,965	30,122	5.1
1.0.8	Office and General Administration	336,920	-	0	56,099	280,821	243,547	37,274	13.3
	Total Vote 1	**3,673,656**	**0**	**109,824**	**109,824**	**3,673,656**	**3,488,246**	**185,410**	**5.0**
Recreation Development									
Vote 2									
2.1	Program Support	673,356	0	10,035	0	683,391	679,990	3,401	0.5
2.2	Financial Assistance	36,285,373	0	0	8,500	36,276,873	36,158,684	118,189	0.3
2.3	Community Recreation Development	3,559,662	-	0	10,814	3,548,848	3,383,510	165,338	4.7
2.4	Provincial Recreation and Sport Development	3,098,695	0	9,279	0	3,107,974	2,942,717	165,257	5.3
	Total Vote 2	**43,617,086**	**0**	**19,314**	**19,314**	**43,617,086**	**43,164,901**	**452,185**	**1.0**
Provincial Parks									
Vote 3									
3.1	Program Support	4,233,369	-	0	35,000	4,198,369	3,749,625	448,744	10.7
3.2	Operations	18,202,482	-	35,000	0	18,237,482	18,137,076	100,406	0.6
3.3	Parks-Reconstruction	9,493,536	-	0	26,000	9,467,536	9,326,206	141,330	1.5
3.4	Parks-Construction & Redevelopment	50,000	-	26,000	0	76,000	67,618	8,382	11.0
Total Vote 3		**31,979,387**	**0**	**61,000**	**61,000**	**31,979,387**	**31,280,525**	**698,862**	**2.2**
Kananaskis Country									
Vote 5									
5.1	Program Support	1,556,496	-	9,000	0	1,565,496	1,556,255	9,241	0.6
5.2	Operations and Maintenance	10,679,473	0	0	111,916	10,567,557	10,570,429	(2,872)	0.0
5.3	Construction and Redevelopment	1,612,019	-	102,916	0	1,714,935	1,714,305	630	0.0
	Total Vote 5	**13,847,988**	**0**	**111,916**	**111,916**	**13,847,988**	**13,840,989**	**6,999**	**0.1**
	Department Totals	**93,118,117**	**0**	**302,054**	**302,054**	**93,118,117**	**91,774,661**	**1,343,456**	**1.4**

GENERAL REVENUE FUND EXPENDITURES: 1989-90



1989-90 RECREATION GRANTS

GRANT NAME	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS	DOLLAR AMOUNT (in thousands)
Community Recreation/Cultural Grant Program	2,520	24,724.2
Urban Parks Operations	5	3,306.5
Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas Operations	152	2,379.3
Capital City Park Operations	1	2,198.9
Provincial Recreation and Sport Association Development	218	1,917.4
Community Recreation Development	91	782.2
Canada Games/Western Canada Games/Arctic Games	44	245.1
Fitness Development	9	171.5
National and International Events	46	117.2
International Sport Exchange	3	61.9
Provincial Recreation Development	22	57.3
Regional Leisure Lifestyle Festivals	8	23.3
Minister's Office - Special Grants	2	15.5
Total Recreation Development	3,121	36,000.3
Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas Capital	60	3,339.9
Urban Parks Capital	10	900.0
Total Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund	70	4,239.9
Grand Total	**3,191**	**40,240.2**

1989-90 Capital Development Expenditures Upgrading Projects

Cypress Hills
The construction of a sewage treatment system including main transmission line and sewage lagoon.

Dinosaur
The construction of roads for the tour bus loop within Dinosaur Provincial Park.

Miquelon Lake
Upgrading of utilities (power and water sewer) lines within the park.

William A. Switzer
Horticultural establishment on sires that were upgraded over the last three years.

Writing-On-Stone
Upgrading of the existing campground and day use area within the park.

Aspen Beach
Upgrading of a Brewers Beach Campground within the Park. Work consisted of upgrading camping stalls and upgrading utilities and roads.

Gregoire Lake
Completion of the day-use site and beach within the park. Installation of playground equipment and construction of winter ski trails were also completed throughout the park.

Kinbrook Island
Utility and camping stall site construction in the north campground was initiated.

Park Lake
Continued upgrading of the park campground and day-use facilities.

Wabamun
Completion of the day-use site upgrading.

Police Outpost
Completion of the park upgrading.

Thunder Lake
Completion of the park upgrading.

Sylvan Lake
Assistance for the town's utility upgrading project.

Major Replacements
Expenditure involved replacement of specific facilities, where funds were not part of upgrading. Work included utility installation and sign replacement.

Major Repair
Expenditure involved in repairing or replacing facilities that have worn out or require repair to prolong the facility's operation. Work included the repair and replacement of site furnishing and utility systems.

Park Construction And Redevelopment
Completion of the ski hill lodge and association infrastructure at Cypress Hills Provincial Park.

1982-1989 PROVINCIAL PARK AND PROVINCIAL RECREATION AREA CAMPING STATISTICS

Category	Individual Camper Nights							
	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90
Provincial Parks (excluding Kananaskis Country)	984,829	981,744	942,434	856,656	1,020,821	864,479	869,217	821,349
Provincial Recreation Areas (excluding Kananaskis Country)	-*	-*	-*	-*	-*	157,917	148,545	138,309
Kananaskis Country	162,992	256,243	339,846	350,598	415,174	421,227	422,395	418,531
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	**1,443,623**	**1,440,157**	**1,378,189**

* Provincial Recreation Area camping use, prior to 1987/88, cannot be reliably compared to that of subsequent years.

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